

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to oppose the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase the price of video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will have a more costly rate to consumers. Cable operators already offer me local TV channels in my market area, and I also I have the option of rooftop antenna/set top antenna. I do not agree with paying for local tv that is provided by local affiliates at no charge.

Broadband access to the Internet is not available to me at this time and is not real important or a necessity for me to have broadband access. If the merger is approved, the new company will not be able to provide me with affordable high-speed Internet access via satellite. The State of the economy is not very stable at this time and I would consider using my local cable company if merger is approved.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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